

MRI at CMH

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is coming to Cambridge!

Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) has been approved for an MRI, and will begin offering this service to patients within the next 12-15 months. MRI is one of the **most advanced diagnostic tools available**, and a vital step forward for an acute care hospital with comprehensive services.

Residents of Cambridge and surrounding areas will benefit from better access to MRI testing

For years, Cambridge and area residents have travelled outside the community for MRI testing. Most Waterloo Wellington patients currently wait an average of 44 to 106 days, much longer than the Provincial target of 28 days. This is simply too long if you are awaiting diagnosis for a painful or worsening condition. The addition of an MRI at CMH will help to **reduce wait times** for all patients in the Waterloo Wellington region.

\$4M CMH Foundation Fundraising Campaign for MRI

The Cambridge Memorial Hospital Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that our hospital has the equipment and facilities necessary to provide care of uncompromising quality for all citizens of Cambridge, North Dumfries and area. **We are excited about the donor opportunities that will exist in support of our new MRI.**

An MRI magnet and facility renovations are very costly, but with the help of our generous community donors we can make this a reality. Our Foundation is planning a focused MRI campaign plan that you will see develop over the next few months. Raising \$4M will be a challenge for our Foundation, but a challenge that we are prepared to meet. We feel more strongly than ever that we have the right volunteers and staff members in place to make this a reality. We know that our community will be as excited as we are and many will want to take a leadership role in achieving this exciting goal.

About MRI Technology

Similar to a CT scan, images from an MRI are reviewed in 'slices,' often as thin as a few millimetres. Images can be taken on any part of the body in any direction without moving the patient; a huge advantage over any other imaging techniques. Slices can be compiled by the computer into a 3D image. Patients are not exposed to radiation during an MRI, as they are during a CT scan or X-ray.

Our physicians are particularly interested in using MRI technology for its effective diagnostic capabilities in four areas: cardiac, breast cancer, bowel disease, and stroke. These specialty scans are not currently offered at other regional MRIs. MRI can also be used for many other conditions including:

- emergency trauma
- multiple sclerosis (MS)
- brain, pituitary gland, or bone tumours
- tendonitis, torn ligaments, and muscle injuries
- early stage stroke and soft tissues masses
- cysts and bulging or herniated discs in the spine



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